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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S VISIT TO US

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1. AT CEREMONY IN VOINJAMA, LOFA COUNTY, DEDICATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 1974, ATTENDED BY USAID AND PC DIRECTORS, ON INVITATION OF MINRURAL DEVELOPMENT, PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS ON SELF-HELP NOTED THAT QTE WE EXPECT TO BE IN THE US FROM THE 30TH OF OCTOBER TO THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER UNQTE AT WHICH TIME I HAVE QTE EVERY EXPECTATION UNQTE OF SEEING PRESIDENT FORD AND ASKING HIM FOR MORE ASSISTANCE.

2. HE EXHORTED THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND CHIEFS PRESENT TO QTE BECOME RESTLESS AND NOT BE CONTENT WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE UNQTE. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE URGED THEM TO EXCEED THEIR PLANNED GOALS FOR SELF-HELP PROJECTS NEXT YEAR. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE INVITED THEM TO PLAN ON DOLS FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND FROM THE GOL INSTEAD OF THE DOLS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND WHICH THEY REQUESTED. (AN ASSISTANT MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS TATAMOUNT TO AN APPROVAL IN ADVANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AN INCREASE.)

3. FINALLY, HE REMARKED THAT HE WANTS ASSISTANCE TO GO TO ALL GROUPS OF THE COUNTRY SIMULTANEOUSLY AND THAT NO GROUP SHOULD BE FAVORED OVER ANOTHER. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID THAT QTE I AM UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION KNOWING THAT SO MANY OF MY PEOPLE LIVE IN THE CONDITIONS THEY DO IN THE RURAL AREAS AND I CANNOT BE COMFORTABLE RIDING IN MY CAR ON THE BETTER MONROVIA STREETS REALIZING THE ROAD CONDITIONS IN THE RURAL AREA UNQTE.

4. THIS EVENT WAS ACTUALLY THE CURTAIN RAISER FOR THE DAY'S MAIN OBJECTIVE, A LARGE DEMONSTRATION BY LOCAL TRUE WHIG PARTY FOLLOWERS URGING THE PRESIDENT TO RUN FOR ELECTION. EVER MINDFUL OF THE HATCH ACT, USAID AND PC DIRECTORS LEFT BEFORE THE POLITICAL RALLY COMMENCED.
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